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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Kazuaki SOMENO, Kazuhiro YANAGISAWA
Entitled "METHOD OF PRODUCING A RUBBER COMPOSITION"
Assignee: BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION
Our Reference: Q79470

Sir:

Attached hereto for filing is the application identified above comprising nine (9) sheets of the specification, including seven (7) claims and an abstract, a copy of the executed Assignment and Form PTO-159, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

After entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment, the Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>7</u>	-	20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>0</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u>	-	3	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>0</u>
Base Fee									\$770.00
Multiple Dependency Fee									290.00
TOTAL FILING FEE									\$1,060.00
Recordation of Assignment									\$ 40.00
TOTAL FEES DUE									\$1,100.00

The statutory filing fee of \$1,060.00 is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A check for the Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees (except the Issue Fee and/or the Publication Fee) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also attached.

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Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 is claimed from:

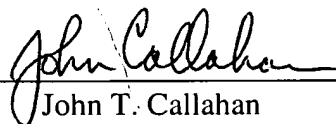
<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2003-11170	January 20, 2003

The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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